



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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*No one is fooled when you try to make him think that you have more than you have, know more than you know, are more than you are. This is one of the most pitiful gestures a young person can make. Avoid it. Be yourself. Someone is sure to like you for what you really are, and everyone will respect your lack of pretense.*

## In Days Gone By

On Dec. 3, 1902, Mitsuo Fuchida was born. He was the Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was converted to Christ after reading a Gospel tract.

"What is the profit to America by having endless economic prosperity, computers and a hundred channels of television in every home... if our families are shattered and our children corrupted?"  
- Senator Bill Armstrong

## Are All the Children In?

I think oftentimes as the night draws nigh

Of an old house on the hill,  
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred

Where we children roamed at will;

And when the night at last came down,

Hushing the merry din,  
Mother would look around and ask,

"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,

And the old house on the hill  
No longer echoes to childish feet.

And the yard is still, so still.  
But I see it all as the shadows creep,

And though many years have been,

Even now, I can hear my mother ask,

"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when shadows fall

On the last short earthly day,  
When we say goodbye to the world outside,

All tired with childish play;  
When we step out into that Other Land

Where Mother so long has been,  
Will we hear her ask, as she did of old,

"Are all the children in?"

## Your Dash?

I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from beginning to the end.  
He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears...  
But he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth...  
And now, only those who love her most  
know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own;  
the cars, the house, the cash...  
What matters is how we live and love,  
and how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard...  
are there things we'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
that can still be rearranged...  
If we could slow down enough,  
to consider what's true and real...  
and always try to understand how other  
people feel...  
Be less quick to anger, show  
appreciation more...  
And love the people in our lives, like  
we've never loved before...  
If we treat each other with respect,  
and more often wear a smile  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while...  
So, when your eulogy's being read,  
with your life's actions to rhash...  
Would you be proud of the things they  
say  
about how you spent your dash?



## Which One?

*One of us, dear—  
But one—  
Will sit by the bed with marvelous fear  
And clasp the hand  
Growing cold as it feels for the  
spirit land—  
Darling, which one?*

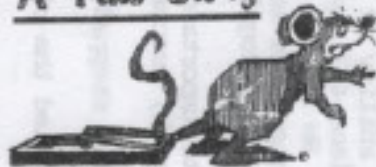
*One of us, dear—  
But one—  
Will stand by the other's coffin  
pier  
And look and weep,  
While those marble lips strange  
silence keep—  
Darling, which one?*

*One of us, dear—  
But one—  
By an open grave will drop a  
tear  
And homeward go,  
The anguish of an unshared  
grief to know—  
Darling, which one?*

*One of us, darling, it must be  
It may be you will slip from  
me,  
Or perhaps my life may first  
be done;  
I'm glad we do not know  
Which one.*

—From *Home Duties*, published by  
Moody Press

## A True Story



Once upon a time, they say, a man invented a mousetrap. He believed his fortune would be made by its sale if he could get President Lincoln to recommend it.

After a long, persistent effort, he secured an audience with the President and received the following recommendation, which will apply to many things besides mousetraps:

For the sort of people who want this sort of thing, this is the sort of thing that sort of people will want.

## Don't Let Your Clothes Invite . . .

No guy in his right mind ever starts to paw a perfect lady. The girl who suddenly finds a guy's hands all over her has asked for it in one way or another.

Sometimes it's not in words; it's the way a girl gets herself together. The short, short skirts are a pretty good eye-fel when a girl is standing up. When she is sitting down, it's like she is wearing a bikini. No normal guy can look at all that flesh and not get ideas.

Transparent blouses and sweaters and jeans that fit like sausage casings are worn to get guys excited: when a normal guy gets excited, he wants to do more than just look.

So please . . . give advice, give it to the girls. They are the ones who need it.

The moral of the story is simply this, girls: Don't let your clothes issue any invitations.

—From *Maranatha Messenger*

# Miscellaneous.

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## NOTHING MAKES A REALLY BIG DIFFERENCE

I suppose we could entitle this, "The Importance of Nothing" or "Much Ado About Nothing." Either way, whether we understand it or not, it is interesting.

The Bible declares that God made the world out of nothing. He spoke and it was done. When He said, "let there be light," the light came out of nowhere because He spoke it into existence. Those of us who believe the Bible and are saved have no trouble believing God made the entire universe out of nothing. Martin Luther said, "God made the world out of nothing. It is only when we become nothing that God can make something out of us." When we say we are nothing and mean it, it is not false modesty. It is the truth!

Whatever you and I possess by way of ability or opportunity it is a direct gift from God. I Corinthians 4:7 says, "...what hast thou that thou didst not receive?" We have to empty ourselves of everything that we are, then step back and watch God take over and do something. We have to recognize that we are nothing before God can use us.

Now, look at the word NOTHING and its importance. It is so important that it can mean life or death, success or failure, joy or sorrow.

- a. Mountain climbers have died when they stepped out on nothing.
- b. Parachutists have died when they pulled the ripcord and nothing came out.
- c. Ballplayers get fired when they produce nothing.
- d. Farmers lose their farms when they grow nothing.
- e. Politicians lose their jobs because nothing gets done.

Here are some interesting Bible truths and Scriptures about the word "nothing":

1. The earth hangs on nothing - Job 26:7
2. Nothing is impossible with God - Luke 1:37
3. By faith, nothing shall be impossible unto you - Matthew 17:20
4. Be careful for nothing - Philippians 4:6
5. Ask in faith, nothing wavering - James 1:6
6. Disciples toiled all night and took nothing - Luke 5:5
7. You may have lack of nothing - II Corinthians 8:15
8. Old age is as nothing - Psalm 39:5
9. Without Christ you can do nothing - John 15:5

Some of this may be hard to understand, but remember, we have to recognize that we are nothing before God can use us.